

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 779

By McLeary

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members of the Clarksburg Ruritan Club for their dedication to community service and congratulate them upon their fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those exemplary clubs and organizations that are comprised of those concerned citizens who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable group that evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all its chosen endeavors is the Clarksburg Ruritan Club, which will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary on April 12, 2004; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to improving communities and building a better America through fellowship, goodwill, and community service, Ruritan is a national community service organization formed for the purpose of creating a better understanding among people and, through volunteer community service, making this Nation's communities better places in which to live and work; and

WHEREAS, the Clarksburg Ruritan Club was established in 1954, when forty-three persons came together to form Charter 623. Dawson Lewis served as the first Club President; serving with him were Horace Roark, Vice President; Alton Cross, Secretary; Harold T. Tucker, Treasurer; and Directors Dayton Jarrett, Albert Pinkley, and James M. Therrell; three of the original charter members, Alton Cross, A.D. Jarrett, and James Rosser, remain active in the Club today; and

WHEREAS, during its history, the Club has played an instrumental role in keeping the Clarksburg School in the community, bringing a branch bank to the community, and initiating the Clarksburg Water System; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Clarksburg Ruritan Club holds two fundraisers: a Ham and Bean Supper and the Ruritan Beauty Review; and

WHEREAS, as befits their sterling reputation of providing fifty years of dedicated service to their community, the members of the Clarksburg Ruritan Club have contributed a great number of manpower hours and have made significant contributions to the Clarksburg community in a concerted effort to make Clarksburg a better place to live and grow; and

WHEREAS, the current thirty-two members of the Clarksburg Ruritan Club are ardent supporters of Little League Baseball and Softball, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Habitat for Humanity, and local fire departments. The members also contribute to the Baccalaureate program at Clarksburg High School and a savings bond for the Valedictorian Project Graduation; and

WHEREAS, the Clarksburg Ruritan Club members are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State", and they should be specially recognized on the occasion of their fiftieth anniversary of serving the good people of Clarksburg; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend the members of the Clarksburg Ruritan Club for fifty years of exemplary service to their community, their state, and their nation and wish them much continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.